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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6765**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 260

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 26, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Commission on Childhood Poverty.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Kruse

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill creates the Commission on Childhood Poverty in Indiana and sets forth duties of the Commission. The bill also creates the Childhood Poverty Commission Assistance Account within the state General Fund to fulfill the purposes of the Commission.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill establishes the 15-member Commission on Childhood Poverty in Indiana and sets forth topics it is required to study regarding childhood poverty in the state. The Commission is required to create and submit an interim report detailing a plan to reduce childhood poverty in the state by August 15, 2010, and a final report by August 15, 2011. This bill will increase the workload of the Indiana University School of Social Work to staff the Commission.

Additionally, the legislation specifies that seven members come from state agencies or state educational institutions, and four legislators are to be selected to serve on the Commission. The bill is silent on travel and per diem reimbursement; however legislators would be entitled to travel and per diem reimbursement under current policy. This bill will increase expenses for travel and per diem reimbursement to legislators to the extent that they claim reimbursement for Commission meetings. No appropriations or transfers to the Childhood Poverty Commission Assistance Account are specified by the bill.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana University; Division of Family Resources; Department of Education; Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority; Department of Workforce Development; Indiana State Department of Health; Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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